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What Passed on the 2000 Ballot?

Mike Thornbrue

Besides the presidential race, there are other pressing government matters.

More locally, the Golden ballot put several different issues before the citizens. These issues were: One seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, one seat in the Colorado House of Representatives, six amendments to the Colorado Constitution, three referendums, and two local ballot initiatives.

In the race for the U.S. House of Representatives, Colorado elected Republican incumbent Tom Tancredo to another term.

In the race for the Colorado House of Representatives, District 25 elected Republican incumbent John Witwer to another term. Tom Tancredo received 54 percent of the vote and defeated his nearest opponent, Ken Toltz, who received 42 percent of the vote.

John Witwer defeated former Mines professor Bill

Astle by a margin of 57 percent to 39 percent.

Amendments 20, 22, and 23 to the Colorado Constitution all passed.

Amendment 20 allows people diagnosed with serious or chronic illnesses and their doctors to possess marijuana for medical purposes. The amendment passed by a margin of 54 percent to 46 percent.

Amendment 22 requires background checks if any part of a gun purchase takes place at a gun show. Amendment 22 passed by a margin of 70 percent to 30 percent.

Amendment 23 increases the per pupil funding for public schools by at least the inflation rate plus one percent for the next 10 years and an increase of at least the inflation rate thereafter. Amendment 23 passed by a margin of 53 percent to 47 percent.

Referendum A reduces

property taxes for senior citizens by exempting up to one half of their property value from taxation. The exemption is available to people 65 years old or older who have owned their homes for more than 10 years. The referendum passed by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin.

Referendum E makes multi-state lotteries (like Powerball) legal in Colorado. New lottery revenues will be distributed in the same way that current lottery revenues are distributed.

Golden Issue 2A proposes using sales taxes and tax revenue bonds to fund recreation projects and to purchase land to be used as open space. The issue passed with 62 percent of the vote.

Golden issue 2B proposes to convey the outdoor swimming pool to the Jefferson County Library for library expansion. Issue 2b passed with 71 percent of the vote.



Photo by Douglas Baldwin

Paul (Luke Campagnola) kissing his beloved Rosalind (Chelsea Mead) in the Mines Little Theater Play "Moon over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, directed by Robert Pongonis.

Icy Conditions Cause Trouble

Much to the delight of skiers and other winter sports enthusiast, Colorado was hit by a brief cold spell last weekend. Although snow can be a fun and exciting thing, the cold weather can also bring about

a lot of deadly trouble.

Four to seven inches of snow in the metro Denver area led to icy roads and accidents. In addition to many cars skidding off of the road causing injuries, the slick roads

also led to at least four deaths over the weekend. According to Colorado State Patrol Trooper Ron Watkins the main reason for these accidents is that "People are just driving too fast for the conditions."

Living in Colorado we can expect these kinds of conditions throughout the winter and into the spring. The next snow is expected to come sometime this week, although clear skies are predicted soon after.

Driving in Icy Conditions

The key to driving in icy conditions is to move slowly and brake gently.

*Make sure all passengers are wearing seat belts.

*Use the defroster and windshield wipers for better visibility.

*Brake, change speeds and turn slowly.

*Give sufficient warning time to other drivers when turning, stopping or changing lanes.

*Keep plenty of distance between cars. You never know when you will hit an icy spot.

*Pump the brakes slowly and gently if your car doesn't have antilock brakes. Constant pressure can cause them to lock and skid.

*If you skid, turn the wheels into the direction of the skid.

*Keep in mind that melting ice is still slippery. Drive slowly so that your tires can push water through their grooves for better traction.

*Four-wheel-drive cars maneuver better on ice, but that doesn't mean they can stop quickly. Leave plenty of distance between you and other

cars. If you pass the same landmark as the car in front of you within 3 seconds, you are following too closely.

*Put chains on your tires if they are required or recommended by local highway Officials.

*Avoid cruise control when driving on ice.

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Senior Banquet

*the CSM Alumni Association
invites you to be our guest*

Thursday, December 14, 2000
6:00 p.m. Social Hour • 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Freidhoff Hall, Green Center

Guest Ticket: \$22.00

RSVP by Monday, December 11th
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Presidential Election Summary

Mike Thornbrue

On November 7 many people couldn't sleep. Some strange force compelled us to stay awake and watch CNN. The force was irresistible. During the ordeal, there was only one thought on everyone's mind, "Who is going to win?" Around 1:00 A.M. George W. Bush was declared the winner of the Presidential Election. However, for an unknown reason, we still felt compelled to leave the TV on CNN. It was then that something very strange happened. It had only been over for a few minutes when the situation changed. The election had been declared too close to call. Bush had been leading in Florida by 50,000+ votes. Now he was leading by only 500.

Because the election was so close, a recount was called in Florida, and Bush won again. Then there was litigation. Then there was more litigation. Then there was a manual recount with a side of litigation. Many states took a look at their own elections. Now we have recounts in three other states. Additionally we are waiting for all of the absentee ballots to be counted. However, the majority of the absentee ballots are expected to be for Bush.

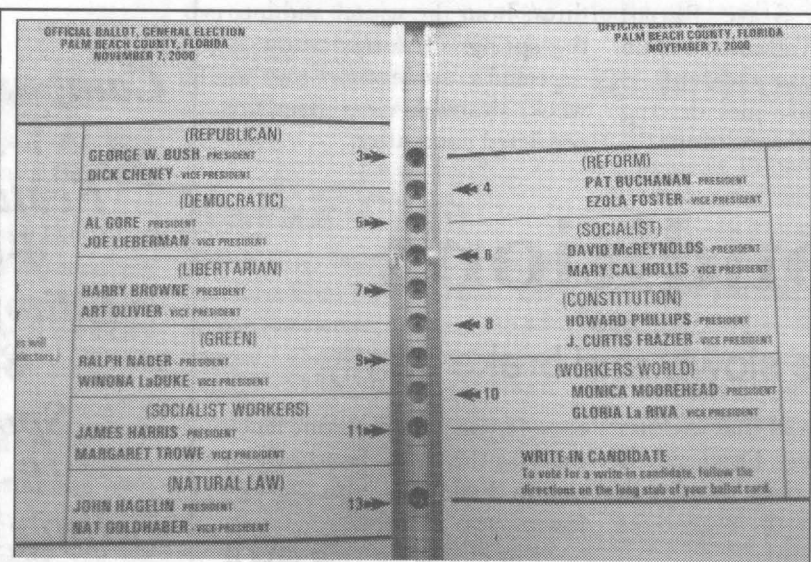
One of the biggest controversies in the Florida election is the ballot itself. Some people feel that the butterfly ballots used in Florida were confusing because Al Gore did not get the second hole on the ballot assigned to him. Therefore Democrats claim that people accidentally voted for Pat Buchanan. In response, a school psychologist in Leesburg, GA put a butterfly ballot similar to the one used

Gore has secured 255 electoral votes winning 18 states and the District of Columbia. This leaves Florida, 25 electoral votes, New Mexico, 5 electoral votes, and Oregon, 7 electoral votes, undecided. Currently Bush is leading in Florida by 388 votes. If Bush wins the Florida election he will capture 270 electoral votes and the White House.

Whichever candidate wins this election it will go on record as one of the closest in history. The Electoral College will have played a very critical role. In most elections the candidate who wins the popular vote wins in the Electoral College. That might not be the case in this election. It is

very possible that after all of the absentee ballots are tallied Bush will have won in the Electoral College and lost in the popular vote. In this situation Bush would win the Presidency.

Since the creation the Electoral College there have more than 700 congressional proposals to abolish or change the Electoral College. Whoever wins, there will almost definitely be another proposal before congress. However, changing the Electoral College procedure will take an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



Congratulations MAC Award Winners!

The Mines Activities Council won some awards at the regional NACA conference over the weekend

3rd place winner - Publicity Campaign, for E-Days 2000 (many awards in various categories)

Outstanding Series Program - E-Days 2000, Theme 00 E-Days (only one award is given)

Outstanding Student Leader - Jessica Jordet, MAC Chair

Senior Class Pizza Party

Come Celebrate DeadDay

on December 7th
from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Student Center, Food Court



Free Pizza & Beverages

Sponsored by the Senior Class
and the Alumni Association

We Want you!

If you want your picture, club and organization pictures, or even your cat's picture to be published in this year's Prospector (for you new people, that's the yearbook), you need to drop them off at the student activities office, or email them to oredig@mines.edu

Want to join the staff?
Want to be an editor?
Contact Maureen at
mkeller@mines.edu

Remember to identify all people in the picture!!!

Tye-Dye T-Shirt Sale

Are you searching for Christmas Presents, or just need a T-shirt so you can put off doing laundry another day? Earthworks has an answer. The club will be selling tye-dye T-shirts in the Student Center after the thanksgiving holiday. The shirts come in both long and short sleeve and sizes range from Small to XX-Large. All profits from the sale will be used to fund the Earth Day Celebration on April 20, 2001. If you are interested stop by our booth in the Student Center or e-mail us: earthworks@mines.edu

Tye-Dye Sale Info

Student Center

Tuesday November 28th	11-1 pm
Wednesday November 29th	11-1 pm
Monday December 4th	11-1 pm

Rugby RMAC Champions

Ethan Hecht

After a season full of ups and downs, the School of Mines Rugby team won the RMAC championship this past weekend. The club team was able to come out on top after four games on Saturday the 4th. The day began with a win against

Chadron State of Nebraska, 34-3. With wins against Metro State, 21-3, and Denver University, 22-3, the School of Mines won their pool of four teams to put themselves into the championship match. The team then dominated Western State in all aspects

of the game for the championship, and won 30-15.

Congratulations to all players participating this semester, and a special thanks goes out to the graduating seniors, Nate Will and Dax Routh. Their leadership and dedication helped lead the team to victory.

The rugby club is open to all athletes. If you are interested in joining a championship team, contact rugby@mines.edu for details.



Mines Rugby Team

Honor Code at CU

Mike Thornbrue

This week CU students have a difficult decision to make. Should CU continue to work on a proposed honor code?

The proposal for an honor code at CU comes after several CU professors became fed up with students attempting to cheat during exams. Details of the code are still being discussed. Many expect that if the code is implemented, cheaters will face penalties ranging from receiving an F on an assignment to expulsion.

Some CU professors have had to resort to extreme tactics to prevent cheating. One Professor has hired 15 students to monitor exams, skateboards and hats are not allowed into exams, students must show a picture ID to enter an exam, and all personal belongings must be placed out of sight.

The CU professors do not

enjoy having to use such methods. They hope that an honor code will change the situation.

Currently if a student is accused of cheating they can choose or be required to appear before an ethics committee.

If the honor code were put into effect, a student-run council that would hear complaints and decide punishments would replace all of CU's ethics committees.

Several universities in the Denver area already have honor codes in place. These universities include Colorado School of Mines, University of Denver, and Colorado College.

If the students at CU vote to adopt an honor code, it will require the students to sign a pledge that they will not lie, cheat, or steal. Supporters of the honor code hope to have it in place by next fall.

Mister Rogers to Hang Up His Sweater

Erin McLeod

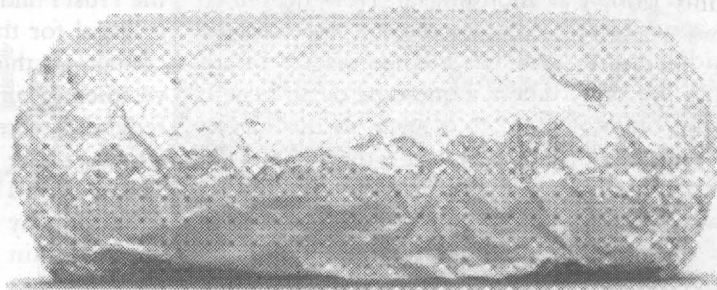
Popular children's television host, Fred Rogers, is planning to tape his last show in 2001 after 33 years. Rogers' production company claims that the 71 year-old is not retiring but that he is turning his attention to his web sites, publications and special museum programs. Rogers has

averaged 10 new episodes of 'Mister Rogers' Neighborhood per year and has taped almost 1000 shows over the 33 years the show has been running. Fred Rogers strives to teach children good moral values such as how to share and how to deal with anger.

Update on Flu Vaccine

As you know, delivery of flu vaccine has been delayed this year. The manufacturer is shipping our order of vaccine in three segments. The Center for Disease Control has asked that the first shipment be allocated to those people who have chronic diseases that make them more susceptible to serious influenza symptoms. We are asking that students who have asthma that requires daily medication, those who have diabetes, or other documented chronic conditions that compromise their immune systems come to the health center now to receive their flu vac-

cine. We are also asking that if you do not have one of these conditions, that you respect our request and NOT come in for a flu shot until we announce that flu vaccine is available to the entire student population. We have a very limited supply available at this time, and we need to be available to take care of students who are ill, so please do not come in to request exceptions to this policy! The vaccine will be available, and we WILL let you know when we have a full supply. Thank you for your patience, and for respecting this request.



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Social Security : History, Purpose & Future

Colorado School of Mines Social Security Debate, October 23, 2000

A. F. Alhajji, Ph.D.

It is important to mention that my introduction of Social Security's history, purpose and future is based on a nonpartisan analysis of the information provided in the 2000 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds.

The Social Security Board of Trustees is a bipartisan commission appointed by Congress to provide an annual actuarial analysis of Social Security's finances and program functions. The Annual Re-

port can be accessed on the Social Security Administration's web site at www.ssa.gov.

It is also of note to mention that the Trustees report is the most common analysis used by both Republican and Democratic policy makers in the debate over Social Security's future, with a portion of that debate regarding the Trustee's report itself.

Social Security is widely considered to be one of the most successful federal government programs in history. For low-income elderly, Social Security comprises on average of more than 80 percent of their retirement income, and raises millions of retired workers above the nation's poverty level. This weighted dependence on Social Security stands in sharp contrast to the original intent of the nation's retirement program.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law in 1935 during the height of the Great Depression, he and Congress considered it to be only one part—albeit a crucial part—of a three-tiered system that would provide a secure retirement for all working Americans.

The Social Security program itself was intended to be a modest social insurance program designed to ensure that all Americans would receive a basic pension. President Roosevelt expected that retired workers would also rely on personal savings and employer-provided

pension funds to comprise the balance of the three-tiered approach to worker's retirement security.

In addition to providing retirement income, Social Security provides three other financial-assistance programs. For workers who die before reaching the normal retirement age of 65, or

roll taxes which are collected today are used to pay today's retirees. Beginning in 1983, the last time Social Security faced an impending cash crisis, the Social Security Administration began collecting more in annual payroll taxes above what it required to pay promised benefits to current retirees. The resulting cash flow is

what we now refer to as the Social Security surplus.

However, the Social Security surplus posed a difficult

lemma for lawmakers, specifically because of the very nature of the Social Security Trust Fund. Under the legislation that created the Trust Fund, lawmakers made it illegal for the Trust Fund to contain anything other than investment securities issued by the federal government. In other words, the Trust Fund could not, by law, contain cash or other private assets.

This begs the question, how did the government give the public the peace-of-mind that Social Security is on sound financial footing while still giving the government the ability to use payroll taxes on other federal spending programs?

The answer relies on a little bit of creative accounting.

After the benefit obligations of the current fiscal year are met, the Social Security Administration loans the surplus payroll taxes to the U.S. Department of

Treasury. As collateral for the loan, the Treasury Department issues the Social Security Trust Fund, dollar for dollar, a special issue, non-negotiable government bond. These bonds give the government the statutory authority to use non-Social Security income to pay promised benefits.

Through this arrangement, the Social Security Trust Fund grows through annual payroll tax surpluses, and Congress and the President are able to use the actual cash to finance non-Social Security government spending.

So what actually happens to the cash? Legally, Congress and the President have three options. First, they can spend the money on other government programs. This is what occurred for most of the 1980s and early 1990s when the majority of the cash was used to finance federal agriculture subsidies. Second, they can use the cash to pay down the national debt, which, as a result of the 1997 Balanced Budget Amendment, began occurring in fiscal year 1999 and is still continuing today. Lastly, they can return the money to the taxpayers in the form of a tax rebate or tax credit.

Now that we have an understanding of the functions and history of Social Security, let's turn our attention to Social Security's future and the financial challenges ahead.

lects in payroll taxes. Over the next 75 years, the Social Security Administration will be short more than \$20 trillion, with the annual cash shortfalls approaching \$1 trillion in 2030. The reason for this relies more heavily on demographics than on economics.

In 1950, 16 workers supported the benefits of one retiree. Today, that ratio is approximately three to one. In 2030, the Trustees estimate that the payroll taxes collected from two workers will be required to pay the benefits of one retiree.

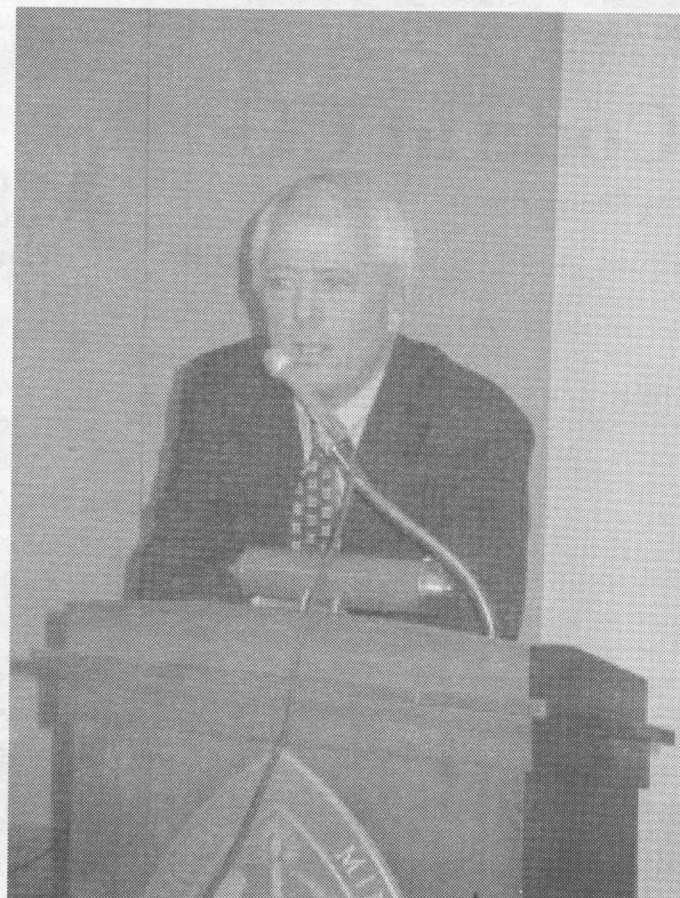
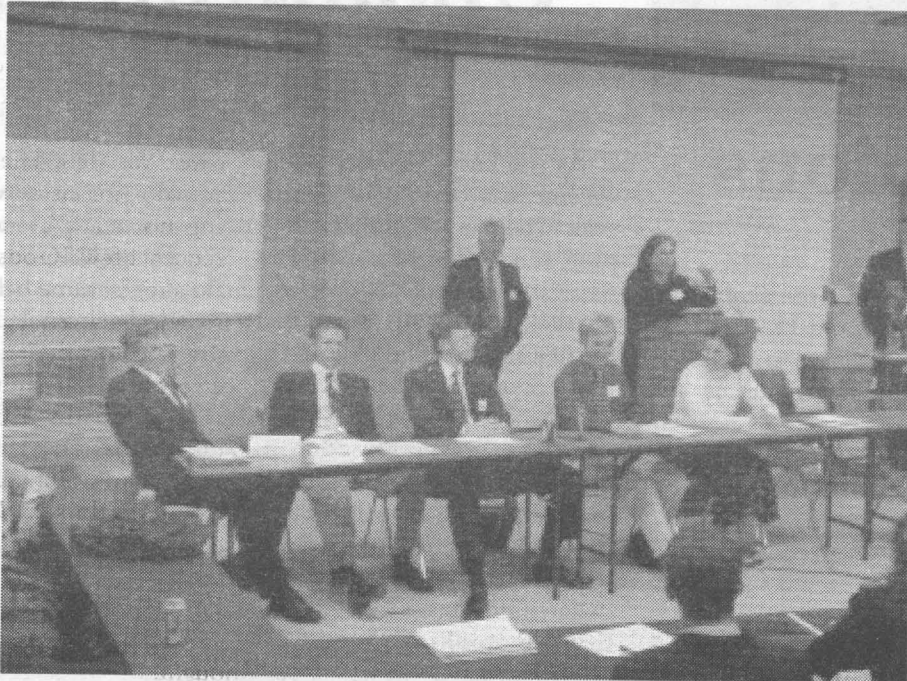
Changes in American society are the force behind that ratio. As recently as 1960, 77 percent of individuals in their early 60s remained in the workforce. Today, that number has reduced to 55 percent and continues on a downward spiral.

On top of the trend toward early retirement, many Americans are living longer. In 1935, the average life expectancy was 65—the same age that Social Security was scheduled to begin paying benefits. Today, the average life expectancy is over 75 years old, with that number continuing to rise with further advancements in medical and health technologies. As a result, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2030 the number of Americans over the age of 65 will total nearly 70 million, compared to 35 million today.

From a financial perspective, the result of the demographic changes, the regressive nature of the payroll tax structure and the progressive nature of benefits arrangement, the Social Security Trust Fund will have exhausted all of the bonds it contains in 2037.

The Trustees indicate that Social Security will then be required to cut benefits universally by 28 percent or Congress will have to raise the payroll tax rate from 12.4 percent to 19 percent to maintain benefit payments.

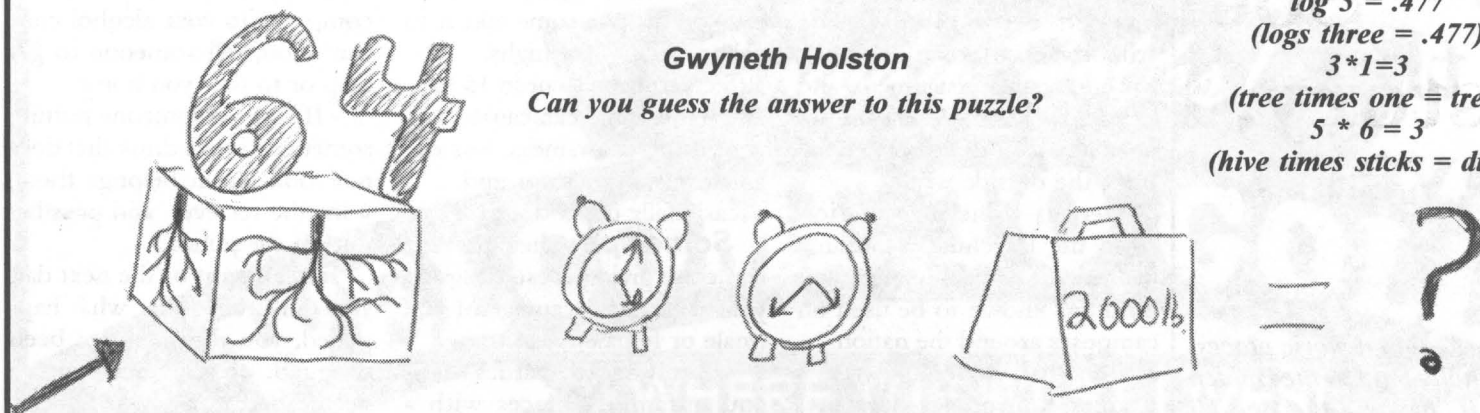
Preventing these drastic measures, as well as providing long-term solvency to the Social Security system, is a focus of lawmakers in Washington, D.C.; the Presidential candidates; political campaigns across the nation and many in Colorado; as well as the students at Mines.



Pictograph Puzzles

Gwyneth Holston

Can you guess the answer to this puzzle?



Answer to previous puzzles:
 $\log 3 = .477$
 (logs three = .477)
 $3 \times 1 = 3$
 (tree times one = tree)
 $5 \times 6 = 3$
 (hive times sticks = dirty)

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Speakers Enliven Monday Lunches

Glenda Anderson

This year the *Oredigger* has taken a different approach to producing the school newspaper. According to Faisal Hashem, business manager for the *Oredigger*, this could be due to a better layout and print schedule, the students working on the paper having a clear plan of what they want the paper to be, or possibly the new element of guest lecturers coming to speak with the *Oredigger* staff.

This semester, the *Oredigger* has taken more of a traditional classroom approach by adding speakers and lectures to the class time. The speakers talk about topics related to journalism, as well as community issues and ethics.

The first speakers were Ed Libartore and Ann Walker, at-

torneys at law. They discussed libel and defamation of character and also touched on the right of the public to know, versus the right of the privacy of the individual the news concerns.

They were followed by Gary Wink, president of the Golden Chamber of Commerce, who helped the *Oredigger* staff come up with story ideas concerning the Golden area.

George Taniwaki, a Mines alumnus, discussed web-based publishing and current technology that is available for journalism, an area of interest to many students. The CSM *Oredigger* is currently available online at <http://www.mines.edu/StuLife/pub/csmoredig/index.html>.

The last speaker to visit the

class was John Layden from the LAIS writing center. He discussed the various writing center services that are available not only to the *Oredigger* staff but to all students. He also discussed "suspending the critic," which is writing down every idea that comes up, no matter how silly, and then weeding out the bad ones at a later time.

Still to come this semester is an investigative reporter from the *Rocky Mountain News* and CSM President John Treffney.

Next semester should be similar to this one. If you are interested in any of these topics, or in writing for the *Oredigger*, the class meets Mondays at noon (lunch is served!) and is worth one credit hour.

Gravity and God

Rusty's Odd Thoughts

There are only a few things in life that people are truly sure of. "Stuff" goes downhill, hydrogen weighs less than helium though one is flammable, and a few other's. Gravity and God are topics that I just happen to find odd.

Gravity is known to be a force that pulls things towards each other. Everything known exerts this force on everything, no matter how small or large. It is just that no one knows why. We all know it's there: you drop an apple and it will fall but no one knows really why it falls. People from all over the world disagree on why, and continue to have discussions and papers.

The idea of there even being

a "God" or a "Supreme Being" that blessed earth and caused life to exist in the first place, has been discussed since before fire warmed the skin. There is a full range of opinions between their being no "God", one "God", and even a few "Gods." People that have the same beliefs in the basic ideals about "God" have differences on the teachings or even the way one should follow.

The oddity that I find is that these discussions have always gone on and will in all likelihood continue to do so. It's just that the people that disagree over the issue of gravity don't kill each other over their differences. I don't know, it was just an odd thought.

Trees, Pixels and This Week's Web Review

James Oltmans

This week I wandered the web and stumbled upon Asher's site at <http://www.mines.edu/students/a/awoolver/>. The site has a clean look; it is not overly complicated in terms of graphics and code.

When you come to Asher's front page, you'll find that there's a beautiful picture of a path through the trees. The picture appears to overlay a simple, stylized background. Upon a quick examination, I found that Asher used the most compatible method for creating this effect: use a table and break up all the pieces by placing them in separate cells. There is another way to achieve the effect, but it involves using Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and either relative or absolute positioning, which doesn't always work because of differences in the default margins that different browsers use and the way the browsers handle relative positioning. In any case, if you want to use CSS, make sure you test it on the major releases of both Internet Explorer

and Netscape.

Anyway, back to that picture of the trees, Asher made a VERY common error - the picture is larger than it appears. In other words, the actual picture is about 327x647 pixels whereas on the web page it is 258x400. This seems like a minor detail, and in Asher's case it is. However, many of you go hog wild with pictures (I know I do). What you have to be careful of is that if you're saving a picture at a large size, or DPI, and then resizing it in your favorite HTML editor, the image file is unchanged, and therefore the file size is unchanged. So what that means is people are downloading a picture that's larger than it needs to be, that's taking up more bandwidth than it needs to, and making them wait longer than they should have to wait. Now if all your pictures are oversized, and/or in the case of GIFs not optimized, you'll make your visitor wait a long time just to see your page. People don't want to do that and not every-

one out there is able to cruise the net on a T1 connection in the computing center. So what should you do? Resize the picture in your image program to match the size you've specified in your HTML editor. But if you're like Asher and only have one big picture on your main page, then don't sweat it too much.

Upon clicking the trees, you'll enter the main portion of the site. There's just four links and once again the simple clean look is maintained. Asher has a good theme and he sticks with it. Whenever you make a site, try and keep the theme or basic look consistent; in a sense, it brands your site. The only thing Asher needs to add to his site is his resume. We were hoping to promote not only the site, but also the person. If you want to get the full benefits of being reviewed, make sure you have a resume!

Got any comments? Do you want to be reviewed? Send mail to joltmans@mines.edu

Why Springfield is Really Golden, CO

The creators of "The Simpsons" may claim that Springfield is a fictional town, but the following (undisputable) evidence shows that their community is really based upon our very own Golden:

Springfield	Golden
Job marketplace relies on a single large industry (nuclear plant)	Job marketplace relies on a single large industry (Coors)
Waste spills into river, mutating fish	Waste spills into river, intoxicating fish
Controversial town hero (Jebediah Springfield)	Controversial town hero (Buffalo Bill)
Milhouse was named after Richard Milhouse Nixon	Coolbaugh House was obviously named after Nixon too
Failed mass transportation system (monorail)	Failed mass transportation system (GUS Bus)
Popular hole-in-the-wall tavern (Moe's)	Popular hole-in-the-wall tavern (Ace)
Ned Flanders speaks gibberish	Professors speak gibberish
Police like to eat donuts and spin in their office chairs	Police like to spin donuts in their brand new Impalas
Has dusty old historical museum	CSM Geology Museum, Astor House, Clear Creek Park, Quilt Museum...
George Bush lived there once	Bill Astle lives here
The Dean is a "stupid-head"	um...

The Legend That is the Ace Hi Tavern

Chris Fabian

Golden has a few well-known, well-loved, and historic places. One of these is the Ace Hi Tavern, originally built as the Golden Opera House in the 1870's. Since it became the Ace Hi Tavern, it has been a popular place for Mines students. Hundreds have made their way to this local legend in search of fun and relaxation over the years.

Just west of Denver, as the crow flies, following the sunset down 6th avenue, following the tourists to the Coors brewery, in the valley where the plains are abrupted by the jagged cusp of the Rockies, is the basin of the doomed called Golden. And, deep in Golden, where the Hell's angel's still rally en route to Sturgis (Sonny Barger just shakes his head), where Buffalo Bill's carcass is a forgotten meal, where Adolph Coors set up shop before, during, and after Prohibition on Washington St., beats the heart of the city from a tavern that draws its name from a bad poker hand.

The first day of fall has crept in through the valley like an avalanche creeps down a mountain-side. Huge stampedes of gray fog and shivering rains have stomped into the buried cradle of the west, the tiny shirt pocket of the Rockies, Golden, Colorado. It's cold, cold as hell, and whiskey is the name of the game if you hope to stay warm.

As the dyes of night leak through the gray pallet of dusk, the last remnants of summer are cut down at the knees. A dusty snow kicks through the streets and spirals and seems to shout out loud "Back! and just in time, ha, ha". On the fingery ends of wind-twisted pines, the snow-flakes have conglomerated and are threatening to icicle. The streets are almost empty...almost...almost...a quick tempo interrupts the wintry coup. For the glory of this establishment rises and shines above even the vilest of nature's threats, another pack of loyal faithfuls scurry and skip across the ice, braving the elements in order to secure their right to swill the finest of life's nectars at the ace hi tavern.

I sip on a third glass of wild turkey (the choicest bourbon), pondering a Ralph Nader Presidency with a friend between throws of darts during a game of cricket, but it is apparent that the majority of the others have settled for beer.

The ambiance of the tavern is probably along the lines of what Hemingway tried to get at when he wrote the short story "A Clean Well Lighted Place". After a punishing round of throws in which I drilled two triple twenties and a double sev-

enteen to close the board, I drift to the bar where the chief bartender, Candy, a Harley-riding Venus, recalls a merciless episode in the Tavern's history (documented in a spiral notebook beneath the cash register). It seems, some time ago, a savage and grossly inebriated cretin happened upon the tavern brandishing a chain saw - he was soon apprehended by the loyal and proud defenders of the tavern, but not before his relinquished weapon fell, jumped, hop-scotched, triple jumped, and pole vaulted (on its own blade) and left one unsuspecting patron with a crossly butchered scalp. The man wears the scar proudly, even today, as evidence of his efforts to thwart the attempt.

"It was like the day they tried to tear old Dixie down - not here, though, not the Ace".

The conversations of others pick up as a raucous crowd shivers in. Someone else has been managing the jukebox all night - Clapton...Petty...the Beatles...Grateful Dead...Big Head Todd...(some country tune with which I'm not familiar)...I make way for the bathroom and am forced to laugh at the graffiti spawned at the point of the knife, reading: "Alas, Ye Gods!" - exactly how I feel.

Drinks are swilled and the clock spins and the fever is high as the crowd swings to the jukebox. The threats of Jack Frost outside are long forgotten in this tavern where all is good. A man shouts out "hey!" in response to the highlights of a Rockies game, and the rest of the crowd joins in unison to the exclamation. The feeling is serenity at the Ace Hi, blissful and ideal.

If Norman Rockwell had depicted bar scenes, rather than homely Christmas affairs, the Ace Hi would be the picturesque Tavern sight to mount atop the fireplace. The whiskey is cheap and the beer is cheaper and if Candy can't make you feel at home, then you are an unfit hindrance to society and should head immediately to Boulder to fit in with the hip crowd, else be cast out of America altogether. A beer over a game of darts at the ace is what is meant by the phrase "almost Heaven on Earth." Enough said, eh? Cheers!

Rape Prevention

Mines - an innocent, isolated, protective community. The school where the only things that will hurt you are assignments and exams. I wish this were true, but no place is entirely segregated from the outside world.

Here is some information from the Bacchus & Gamma peer education network handout on drugs known to be used on campuses around the nation.

Rohypnol: Better known as Roofies, Rohypnol is illegal in the United States but prescribed outside of the country for severe sleeping disorders. It comes in pill, powder, or liquid forms. Effects usually start in 20-30 minutes; the victim will feel drowsy, dizzy and disoriented - much like a very drunk person. Memory loss and unconsciousness are common side effects, from 4 to 10 hours. The victim can be raped or robbed in this time.

GHB:GHB, also known as Liquid Ecstasy or G, is a clear

liquid. It is not always used to prey on people; some take it to enhance their drug highs. Effects usually occur in 15 to 20 minutes, and can cause confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness, nausea, and occasionally coma or death.

Some tips to help prevent someone giving these drugs to you or taking advantage of you (male or female):

- Always go to parties, bars, and unfamiliar places with a friend. Make sure one of you stays sober and stick together. If you came together, go home together.

- Watch your drink before, during, and after you get it. Don't take open drinks or drinks you didn't see poured, and don't leave your drink anywhere where you can't see it.

- If the drink tastes funny (salty, odd texture, or just otherwise odd), get rid of it.

- If you feel exceptionally dizzy, drowsy, or disoriented,

especially if it seems abnormal compared to your alcohol consumption, tell someone to get help or to take you home.

- If you see someone putting something into a drink that does not look like it belongs there, warn the reciever, and possibly inform the police.

If that night or the next day, you can't remember what happened, you think you've been drugged, or you think you've been raped:

- Go to the emergency room. Take a friend for support. Tell them what happened, or have your friend do it, and get tested for drugs in your system and the possibility of a rape.

- File a report with the police if you think something happened, if the hospital uncovers that something was given to you, or if you were raped.

- Talk to a counselor for help. What happened is not your fault - you did not ask for the drugs nor to be raped.

Hennebach Lectures

Lecture #4:Tuesday, January 23, 2001

"Babies, Weaving and Trade: How Women Lived"

Lecture #5:Tuesday, February 2001

"Women Warriors: Did Xena Exist?"

Lecture #6:Tuesday, March 27

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All lectures are held at noon in Student Center Ballroom B. This lecture series is brought to you by the Division of Liberal Arts and International Studies and by the Hennebach Visiting Professor endowment. All lectures are free and open to all CSM students, staff, faculty and the public. Please call Virginia Barbier in the LAI S department (3031273-3750), if you have any

poetry corner

innovations, revelations, and creativity in technology have always been a part of this school. insight into our emotions, humanity, and lives rarely are, especially in a communicable form. here are a few literary manifestations of Mines' minds.

Both the Oredigger and the High Grade are looking for submissions of graphical and literary art. Drop a copy (on disk preferably) at the High Grade or Oredigger boxes in the Student Activities office or e-mail Oredig@mines.edu.

By: ljpr

Thinking....

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A Morning Affair

By: Keith T. Crowe

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Trying to provide the ideal relaxing environment for students, Higher Grounds hosts an art show, which rotates artists every month. On the weekends, Higher Grounds brings in live music to entertain the Mines community. This environment is created to aid in studying or to provide a place to relax. Higher Grounds cares about students and the Mines/Golden community and is striving to provide the best coffee and environment in town.

Higher Grounds is a great place to go to get you that extra boost in the morning or help you keep those eyelids open during that early morning class. Not only try the coffee, but the breakfast burritos as well, and keep your stomach from rumbling all morning during class. I have frequented Higher Grounds on a number of occasions and highly recommend them to any student, faculty or staff member that needs that extra little kick in the morning or that place to sit and relax with your friends after classes.



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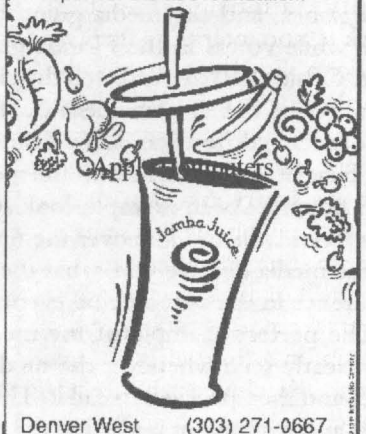
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The OPEC Cartel and Texas Tea

As winter approaches native Coloradans should keep their eyes open for the oil-rich Texans that are bound to be driving on the snow-covered mountains. They tend to do no harm as long as they know they cannot drive in the snow like they do in dirt. Texans stand to earn money from the decision that OPEC (The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) made this week not to increase oil production. OPEC, which pumps about 38 percent of the world's supply of oil, is doing this because they feel that another increase would not positively affect the global economy and might possible over-saturate the oil market. OPEC Secretary-General Rilwanu Lukman told reporters in Vienna after a meeting of ministers that current oil costs are acceptable for consumers.

Mr. Lukman must not get gas at the same place as most people. With the price at \$34.12 a barrel in New York, compared to \$10 a barrel in December 1997, many old pumpers in west Texas can again be profitable. This new oil boom is good for west Texans, though not for the public as a whole. With the price of home heating oil sky rocketing and prices at the pump almost to the \$2 lever, there is not much people can do to afford this.

The American government also does not have many options in the fight for lower prices. It has already tried to release 30 million barrels from its little stash, though it had relatively no effect, except possibly to get Al some votes (well done, Billy boy). OPEC says it does feel the price of oil will start to fall on its own in the coming months, as it has before.

The OPEC cartel will meet again in Vienna Jan. 17 to review the market situation. It is suspected that OPEC will decide to lower the production of oil as winter turns to spring. OPEC blames speculation, high fuel taxes and refining bottlenecks for the high prices. They have also stated that since they have already increased production four times, "The market is getting perhaps a little saturated and there is a stock buildup, which is likely to hit us in the face later in the new year," OPEC Secretary-general Rilwanu Lukman said Monday.

So all Americans have to do is wait for that punch to come and try not to freeze till then.

Rusty Lannin

Media Mayhem and the Election

Regardless of your political stance I think you can probably agree that media involvement (TV/radio news) actually had an impact on this past election. Would we have a different president now if the news had to get its information from the official vote count rather than exit polls?

Let's look at what the media did wrong. First the media only went by polls, not actual vote counts. They have a nice little system of demographics for the poll data that they use to project the results of an election. Now this might work fine in a landslide victory or at least a decisive defeat, but this November 7th we had a close election. One of the problems was that Florida is divided into 2 time zones, and the media going by polling data gave Gore the state while voters in the Florida panhandle still had 8 minutes to vote. Could this have affected the election? Did this decision make some voters stay at home because they believed their vote couldn't have made a difference? Only history will tell.

I believe the problem with the media is that they've overstepped their bounds. As an example, look at wars throughout history, wars have been won and lost over the timing or receipt of news. Don't let the media deceive you, what they tell you makes a tremendous difference in the outcome of events.

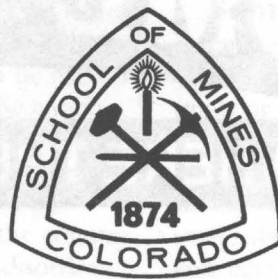
The perfect example of the media overstepping their bounds was clearly seen whenever the media would say, "It's too close to call," and then proceed to call it. This shows their lack of responsibility and restraint in reporting the news.

I propose that from now on the media should no longer be able to take any polls 30 days prior to any election. In fact it'd be best if they didn't take any polls at all. In this new voting environment where you had to wait until the actual vote count was taken, we wouldn't have media frenzy over the outcome of any race. Wouldn't it be satisfying to have reporters just shut up instead of telling you the little they know, what they don't know, what may be happening, what little info they just received, and then recapping it every 5 minutes? If that happened we could get the real news instead of listening to "experts" tell us what may be happening.

Mike Thornbrue

The Oredigger

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Welcome to American Politik!

The sentiment was strikingly similar back in '92 when famed political reactionary Dr. Hunter S. Thompson declared, in response to Ross Perot's influence on the race for the Presidency, "It is awkward for me to admit now, that the fun I saw with Perot was not democracy, but *anarchy*."

Today, we as a nation stand on the brink of political crisis. The excitement lay in the notion of corrupt lawyers and politicians deciding the "choice of the people" within the clutches of chaos. How would one spell chaos? Well let's see—

- 19,000 votes thrown out in Palm Beach County Florida on the basis of a "suspect ballot" when the fate of the Presidency rests on 225 votes. Upwards of 20,000 votes thrown out in Albuquerque, N.M., for similar reasons, and other counties nationwide reporting similar fates.

- Voter intimidation and ballot tampering charges thrown in against the Republicans from high Democratic officials including Democratic Campaign chief William Daley, not to mention Rainbow Coalition muckraker Reverend Jesse Jackson. All of this supported by a statistical anomaly in the form of a Reform Party graphical spike in Palm Beach County representing an unprecedented amount of support for unlikely candidate Pat Buchanan from elderly voters who claim they intended to vote for Al Gore.

- Races tighter than Senator-elect Hillary Clinton during the Clinton-Lewinsky hearings, in states like Michigan (18 electoral votes), New Mexico (5), New Hampshire (4), Oregon (7), and Missouri (11) - states that will surely be forced to recount their votes.

- A recount in Florida, (25 electoral college votes) butchering the first reported lead of Governor Bush from 1,784, in a state where nearly 6 million voters turned out, down to a statistically invisible 225 vote lead as I write this early at 2 a.m. on

Friday, Nov. 10.

- Lawyers descending on the Southern melting pot, licking chops, ready to carve up the entire democratic process for the name of the new justice - lawsuits already filed on behalf of elderly residents of Palm Beach County claiming fraud and confusion on grounds of suspect ballots in their districts.

- Protesting Floridians line the streets in Palm Beach County demanding a re-vote; a re-vote that would ensure another half billion dollars of soft money pouring into the small community where the entire election would be decided by one county, one already aware of the outcome of the votes from the rest of the nation. Corporate sponsorship would flood the skies and a cutthroat campaign would begin - perhaps the Exxon Palm Beach County election, also brought to you by OPEC, GM and Bristol-Myers.

Meanwhile, the popular vote of the nation favors Gore while the electoral college majority is predicted to be held by Bush. Democratic officials continue to refer to the vice-president as the "people's choice for president" despite the fact that our Constitution declares the people's choice for president as the one who holds the electoral college majority. Not since 1877, when Rutherford B. Hayes narrowly defeated Tilden by 1 electoral vote, 185:184, while losing the popular vote decidedly, 4,300,000 (Tilden) to 4,036,000 (Hayes), has there been such controversy. Interestingly, among the final states in contention during that disputed election was Florida (along with South Carolina and Louisiana which were conceded by Tilden to Hayes in exchange for the removal of federal troops from these Southern states).

YOU CHAPS ARE LUCKY - YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST! I predicted last Monday (refer to Forecast For Doomsday, Oredigger - 11/10/00) the chaos that was sure to ensue.

Get ready for doom, and lots of it. Bring in the lawyers, send the campaign chiefs out to recount the results of every contested state in the republic and then count the votes again, and when the results are contested in court and the Supreme Court issues a statement that leads to the declaration of a disputed President, get ready for the shit parade. Throw out any notions of the phrase "bipartisan leadership" because party lines will be drawn in blood.

Officials are praying to their respective religious heads to keep this out of the courts, but even then we can only hope that any dispute over the results of the votes are buried and forgotten. The ultimate test of our nation's leadership will soon be placed on the soft skulls of our newly elected government officials - will we have an undisputed president by the time Clinton has removed his last things from the Pennsylvania Avenue address?

Will the electoral college process be thrown out to the curb along with the decided loser of this year's race and Rick Lazio?

Will anybody really care (the statistical voter turnout for this historic election was only slightly greater than the dismal turnout for the Clinton-Dole election, somewhere around 40 percent).

The last mile has turned into a blood sport ever since V.P. Gore withdrew his concession to Gov. Bush early Wednesday morning. I contend that the value of our democracy will be appraised in accordance with the outcome of these events. Lines have been drawn, but they're only temporary. The fact still remains that whoever prevails from this dirty brawl will be a mediocre candidate that we, nevertheless, will still have to support. Welcome to American Politik in the age of lawyer supremacy and corporate dominance. Chaos was inevitable on Nov. 6, anarchy is still pending in Palm Beach...

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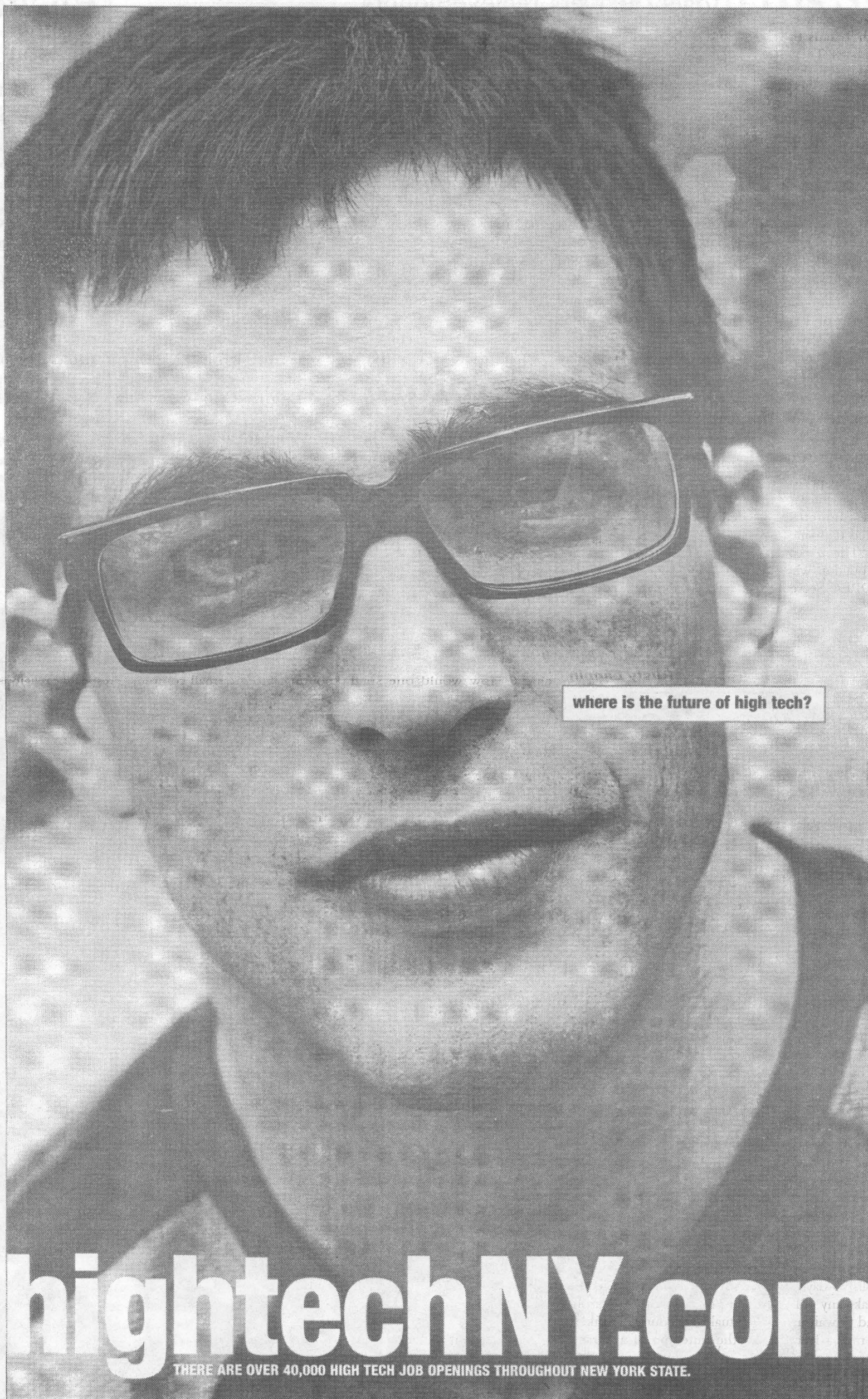
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Oredigger Soccer

Coach, Players receive honors

Colorado School of Mines men's head soccer coach Frank Kohlenstein was selected as the Rocky Mountains Athletic Conference's 2000 men's soccer Coach of the Year.

In his third year at the helm of CSM soccer, Kohlenstein led the Orediggers to a 14-4-4 record and registered the most wins ever in a Mines soccer season. Kohlenstein went 15-21 in his first two years at Mines.

Six members of the 2000 squad ended the year on a high note, receiving conference honors. Redshirt freshman Robbie Williams was tabbed Freshman of the Year after racking up four goals and one assist (nine points) at center midfield.

The Highland's Ranch, Colo., native and Texas Christian University transfer started all 22

matches and tallied two game-winning goals for the year. In addition to being named Freshman of the Year, Williams was also selected as a member of the conference's First Team.

Senior forward Marc Miller was dubbed First Team All-Conference for the third time in his career. Miller ranked in the top slots all season in the conference scoring, as he led CSM in points with 26. Miller finished the season with nine goals and eight assists (26 points) on 58 shots.

Three of his nine goals were game winners. Miller has received conference honors throughout his collegiate career, as he was named to the RMAC's Second Team after his freshman campaign.

Senior defender John Bills

was also named to the RMAC's First Team. Mine's defense allowed only 19 goals all year, after allowing 44 in 1999, 33 in 1998, and 47 in 1997. Bills started 21 matches in 2000, recording two assists on the year.

Junior forward Nico D'Allesandro was a Second Team selection after finishing his 2000 campaign second on the team with nine goals on the year. He ranked in the top five in RMAC, scoring virtually all season.

This is the second time D'Allesandro has recorded Second Team accolades, as he was a member of the second squad in 1998.

Senior defender Jason Hilgers received honorable mention accolades, as he contributed to the team's best de-

fensive showing in four years. Freshman goaltender Brian Kerr, the RMAC's leading goaltender with only 19 goals against in more than 2,000 minutes of play, was also named a 2000 honorable mention.

Kerr finished his rookie season with a .82 goals against average, 86 saves, and eight shut-outs.

Mines finished first in the RMAC after a 9-2-1 regular season finish. The Orediggers tied the University of Colorado-Cororado Springs in the first round of the RMAC Tournament, advancing to the championship match by a winning shootout.

Mines fell to Fort Lewis College 0-1 in the finals, closing out the 2000 season with a second-place conference finish.

Woman's Basketball

Season Getting Started

Greg Bollinger

On Friday afternoon the Lady Orediggers tipped off their season with Colorado Christian University.

Although it was only a scrimmage, it was played with the intensity of a real game.

The Lady Orediggers ended up falling to the Cougars, but not without a struggle.

In the game Kim Good and Marissa Eichhorn each put in 17 points for the Orediggers. Good also added a game-high eight blocks.

Marie Bollinger led the game with 5 assists. The Orediggers will be back in action this weekend in the Oklahoma panhandle.



CSM's rugby team in action.



Volleyball

Digger Season Ends

Karen Martin

The Oredigger volleyball season came to an end on November 3, 2000. The Diggers matched up against the Metro Roadrunners.

CSM was defeated in three games: 15-8, 15-4, 15-5, at home.

The team ended up 10-20 on the season and 6-13 in the RMAC East Conference. Sophomore Laurie Alzheimer led the Diggers with 10 kills, 5 digs, and hit for an average of .286 on the night.

The Orediggers were out hit by the Roadrunners .439 to .143 for the match.

The team will take some time off before heading back to the weight room for off-season training.

The team will not lose any seniors from this years team. Next year the team should benefit from experience. "I am excited to about the possibilities for next season," said coach Harris.

Mens Basketball off to a Good Start

Reece Bollinger

The Oredigger basketball team is off to a 2-0 preseason beginning this year. The team beat the Colorado Flyers in their preseason opener on the 7th



100-96. In the exhibition game, the Diggers had five players in double figures. Leading the way was Ben Esplin with 23 points (four 3 pointers). Farris Broussard had a double-double in the game (13 points, 10 rebounds). Kez Kennedy, Mike McNish, and Joe Zufall all had double figures with 13, 11, 10 respectively.

In the only other game of the year so far, the Orediggers beat NAL Financial on the 11th of October. The team was lead by McNish who had a double-double on the night (15 boards, 14 points).

Sam Handsborough had 17 points to help the Diggers out. Kennedy added 13 points for the team.

Mines kicks off the regular season on November 17th and 18th by hosting the CoorsTek Basketball Classic in Volk Gymnasium. Other teams at the tournament will be Minnesota-Duluth, Mesa State College, and Montana Tech.

Mines Signs New Sensation

The CSM men's basketball team signed Broomfield High School standout Stephen Bahl. The 6-1, 180-pound guard from Thorton, Colo., averaged 13 points, four assists, four rebounds, and two steals per game as a junior at Broomfield.

"Stephen is the ideal type of student-athlete we have been looking for," said Mines head coach Tim Harrison. "He is a physical guard who loves to play defense, scores at will, and really sees the floor well. He will be a leading force for our pro-

gram and an awesome student-athlete here at Mines."

Bahl, son of Joe and Robin Bahl, transferred to Broomfield from Skyview High School in the fall of 1999. He recieved Academic All-State honors as an outstanding chemistry and history student while attending Skyview, and was named to the Skyline League All-Academic Team in 1999.

Bahl was a second team All-Skyline League selection as well as an honorable mention All-State selection in 1999-2000.

"Stephen is as good a kid as I have ever been around, as a person, student and athlete," said Broomfield head coach Kevin Boley. "There is no question he will be successful at whatever he chooses to do."

The Orediggers wrapped up preseason action last Saturday, when they hosted NAL Financial in Golden. The 2000-2001 season officially kicks off when Mines hosts Minnesota-Duluth, Mesa State College, and Montana Tech this weekend in the CoorsTek Basketball Classic at Volk Gymnasium in Golden.

Outdoor Recreation Center

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Anime Club

Take a break and watch some cartoons with us. Next showing is Nov. 12, noon, in the ballrooms of the Student Center. It's 100% free. There are also Monday meetings. Contact mhaisfie@mines.edu for info.

APO

APO meets Wednesday nights at 7 P.M. in Meyer Hall 357. For more information contact Neil Blazak at nblazak@mines.edu.

ASM/TMS

ASM/TMS has always had strong presence on campus. Nevertheless, starting this semester, MT department head, Dr. J.J. Moore combined all related materials societies into one called Materials Science and Engineering Club (MSEC). This included ISS, ACerS, AWS, and ASM/TMS. We welcome members from all departments on campus. Email yhuang@mines.edu.

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Campus Crusade for Christ

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FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the projection room on the second floor of Volk Gymnasium. All are welcome: Christians, athletes, both or neither. For more information email fbuckner@mines.edu.

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Monday, Nov. 20 Dave Mosch, speaker (Edgar Mine Manager) with videos and displays.

International Student Organization

The International Student Organization represents the interests of all internationals at the Colorado School of Mines. Informal meetings are held at the International Office (1404 Maple Street) as needed. We welcome ideas on activities to further improve the experience of the International students and the Mines community at large. Contact Leslie 303-273-3210 or Kenny 303-215-0449

Kayak Club

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Reward

Reward offered gold bracelet lost around campus on October 30. If found, please call 303-716-0303.

Robotics Club

Students from any and every major are welcome to participate in the CSM Robotics Club. We build robots for competitions, including a robot for the SAE Walking Machine Challenge and one for the Battle Bots competition. We meet every week on Wednesday at noon in Berthoud Hall room 204. More information: cgoerzen@mines.edu

SCA

The Society for Creative Anachronism meets Thursdays 7-9 p.m. in Kafadar Commons and in case of inclement weather, in the Field House. Questions? Contact David at (303) 278-3061 or dclement@mines.edu.

Sigma Lambda

Sigma Lambda is the student organization for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community at CSM. We welcome students, faculty, staff, and alumni to our meetings and social events. For more information, visit our web page at http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/glbe/ or email sigmalambda@mines.edu.

Sober Drivers

Need a ride home on Friday or Saturday night between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.? Call Kappa Sigma Sober Driver Program at (303)-279-9951. You must be within 15 minutes of campus.

Sports Nut?

Rapidly growing company seeking highly motivated and goal oriented individuals to join our team. Training provided. Serious inquiries only. 1-877-387-3754

SWE

Are you ready for an inspiring year? This year, the theme of Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is "Inspiring Women." SWE is a fun club! You will have huge benefits: Evening with Industry, Ice cream social party, and many interesting guest speakers. Come to CO 209 on Wednesdays at noon! Lunch will be served. Join SWE and have fun with us.

Ultimate Frisbee Organization

Mines Ultimate will be practicing this fall on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 5 p.m. on Kafadar field. This is a competitive team that travels to different areas around the state and country to compete in tournaments. If interested view our web sight at http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/ufo/ and contact any of the officers for more information.

Water Polo

Mines water polo is off to an exciting start. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:45-9:45 p.m. and Saturday from 1-3 p.m. This is a coed team so please feel free to join us in Volk gym pool.

Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team

Want to have fun, make friends and get in shape? Come be a part of Mines' Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team. No experience is required. Practice is on Kafadar Commons from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Julie West at 303-278-7431.

Volleyball Club

Meetings on Thursdays at 7 in the Field House. For more information, email rstephen@minse.edu.

Classified Advertisements

For Sale.

90 Honda CRX 4-cylinder, 148K, 5 speed, CD-player, and good gas mileage. Questions- email Toby ttturnage@mines.edu

'82 Volvo 244DL standard w/ overdrive, air conditioning, CD player, snow tires. Great condition- \$1800, (303) 978-9023

Epson inkjet printer \$50, dinette table w/ 4 chairs \$50, Queen bed frame \$25, CD rack \$5, 303-384-3995

Queen waterbed new heater liner/ mattress wood frame with bookcase headboard \$175. Antique Maple dining table and 4 chairs \$150. In Golden but we can transport to CSM. Call 303-278-1072

Pair of women's ski boots, almost new (used twice)- \$50. abrinson@mines.edu

Service Providers.

Spaces avail. for daycare and morning preschool. Children ages 2-5 accepted. In my home located on 6th Ave and 19th St. Ask for Aneka 303.215.6156

Help Wanted.

Nanny/ babysitter for 9 mo. old M-F a.m. thru p.m.- flexible hrs. Molly 303 278-0909 leave msg.

Female student wanted for occasional childcare. Golden family. Please call Debra 303-278-0099.

Golden mother seeks domestic help; 5-10 hrs/week. Childcare and light housekeeping; fluency in a foreign language (Spanish, French, Italian) a plus! Please call for further information Elaine 278-4436.

Nannies, Childcare. Professional Care for Children Wanted 303-471-0704

CSM students graduating this year with majors in computer science or electrical engineering who are interested in working for Agilent Technologies (Formerly Hewlett Packard) in Colorado Springs. Contact Jason at bikerone@juno.com or 215-6436.

Help Wanted, Live in nanny in Golden, 2 & 3 yr old, M-F to 5pm, salary & 1bd duplex provided, N/ S and trans req'd. 720-352-6535h 303-939-5169w

Female quadriplegic (46) seeks students for home health care. Duties include assisting with personal hygiene, bathing, dressing, etc. Some lifting required. No experience necessary, will train. Part-time morning or evening hours available. Morrison area. \$7.50-\$10/hour. Please call Cheryl @ 303-697-6725.

Please submit all Miner Notes and Classifieds by Friday, December 1.

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